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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority

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1. You are being dispatched to [REDACTED] for the purpose of supervising construction of the station and installation of equipment therein. In order for you properly to carry out your function, the following authorizations are hereby delegated to you:

a. The temporary employment of stenographic and office personnel and of needed labor [REDACTED] when such employment is necessary to the establishment of the station;

b. Temporary duty travel in the [REDACTED] area by civilian employees and consultants and the payment or reimbursement of expenses incident thereto.

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2. In addition to the above authorizations, you are authorized to:

a. Administer the oath of office required by 5 USC 16;

b. Enter into and sign contracts on behalf of the Government in accordance with existing law and regulations, including:

(1) Acquisition of land by purchase or lease;

(2) Procuring the personal services of an architect-engineer for review of plans and consultation in connection with construction work;

(3) Construction contracts for the construction of necessary buildings, erection of poles and other appurtenances necessary to the establishment of the station, and changes thereto.

c. Settle and adjust claims arising out of leases or other contracts where crop damages are the result of activities of CIA employees or contractors on or about Government leased [REDACTED]. Such activities will be handled in cooperation with the American Consul and local government representatives.

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4. The authorities delegated above shall supersede any previously delegated in connection with this project and shall terminate upon the activation of the station [REDACTED] or upon your departure from [REDACTED]

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5. In the event you are unable to exercise the above listed authorities, where necessary, [REDACTED] is granted the authority to exercise the enumerated powers and authorities where no other authorized CIA contracting officer is available on the [REDACTED]

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